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SUBJECT: TAI CHANG NR 1, FISHING FOR SALMON IN BRISTOL BAY

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1. REFTTEL ADVISED SIGHTING OF SUBJECT VESSEL FISHING FOR
SALMON IN APPROACHES TO BRISTOL BAY, ALASKA. DEPARTMENT
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CALLED IN REPUBLIC OF CHINA EMBASSY OFFICER TODAY TO
EXPRESS DISMAY THAT VESSEL WAS ENGAGING IN FISHERY FOR
SALMON IN THAT AREA AND TO REQUEST THAT IT BE DIRECTED TO
CEASE THAT ACTIVITY. BELOW IS AIDE-MEMOIRE PRESENTED TO

EMBOFF.

2. SINCE VESSEL IS KNOWN TO BE MANNED BY MORE JAPANESE THAN TAIWANESE FISHERMEN, INCLUDING THE FISHING MANAGER, DEPARTMENT ALSO CALLED IN JAPAN EMBOFF TO ADVISE HIM OF SITUATION AND ASK ANY ASSISTANCE HE MIGHT BE ABLE TO PROVIDE THROUGH JAPAN FISHERIES AGENCY AND ITS INDUSTRY CONTACTS.

3. FOR COMMANDANT COAST GUARD: REQUEST CGC STORIS USE INFO IN AIDE-MEMOIRE BELOW AS TALKING POINTS IN COURTESY BOARDING OF TAI CHANG NR 1, NOTING ESPECIALLY THE FINAL PARAGRAPH, AND THE FACT THAT THE AIDE-MEMOIRE HAS BEEN PRESENTED TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE VESSEL'S GOVERNMENT.

4. FOR TAIPEI: EMBOFF ALSO REQUESTED INFORMATION ON ANY OTHER PROTECTED SPECIES IN THE AREA. DEPARTMENT MENTIONED HALIBUT ESPECIALLY, AND ALSO REMINDED THE EMBOFF OF THE U.S. LAW PROHIBITING THE TAKING OF CREATURES OF THE CONTINENTAL SHELF. IN ADDITION, DEPARTMENT INFORMALLY ADVISED EMBOFF THAT LORRY M. NAKATSU, DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF FISHERIES AFFAIRS, DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WILL BE VISITING TAIPEI IN LATE JULY OR EARLY AUGUST AND WILL WISH TO DISCUSS THESE MATTERS WITH APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS AT THAT TIME.

5. AIDE-MEMOIRE: QUOTE: THE FISHING VESSEL TAI CHANG NR. 1 HAS BEEN OBSERVED FISHING FOR SALMON IN THE APPROACHES TO BRISTOL BAY; EASTERN BERING SEA, WITH ABOUT EIGHT MILES OF GILL-NETS. THE VESSEL WAS SIGHTED YESTERDAY, JULY 14, BY A U.S. COAST GUARD PATROL AIRCRAFT IN POSITION 57 DEGREES 04.6 MINUTES NORTH LATITUDE, 160 DEGREES, 46.6 MINUTES WEST LONGITUDE, ABOUT 46 MILES NORTHWEST OF CAPE SENIAVIN, NORTH OF THE ALASKA PENINSULA. AT THE TIME OF THE SIGHTING, THE VESSEL WAS SEEN TO HAVE MANY SALMON ON DECK AND IN THE NETS.

"THE SHIP IS A LARGE STERN TRAWLER WHICH HAS BEEN OBSERVED FROM TIME TO TIME IN PAST MONTHS FISHING IN THE BERING SEA
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WITH TRAWL NETS FOR OTHER SPECIES OF FISH.

"THE SALMON IN THE NORTHEASTERN PACIFIC OCEAN ARE PREDOMINANTLY A NORTH AMERICAN RESOURCE. THEY ARE SPAWNED IN U.S. AND CANADIAN FRESH WATERS FROM WHICH THE YOUNG FISH EMIGRATE TO SPEND SEVERAL YEARS IN THE OPEN OCEAN, RETURNING ULTIMATELY TO SPAWN AND DIE IN THEIR ORIGINAL STREAMS. THIS RESOURCE CAN BE EFFECTIVELY MANAGED ONLY BY THE STATE OF ORIGIN, AND TO THIS END THE U.S. HAS (1) INVESTED SEVERAL BILLION DOLLARS ON SUCH THINGS AS FISH HATCHERIES AND PASSAGES WITH CONTINUING ANNUAL COSTS OF SEVERAL MILLION DOLLARS; (2) FOREGONE CERTAIN DAM CONSTRUCTION AND POWER PLANTS ON SALMON STREAMS AND RIVERS IN THEIR SPAWNING

PORTIONS; (3) OBTAINED FROM JAPAN, THE SOVIET UNION, THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA, AND POLAND, ALTHOUGH IN DIFFERENT WAYS, RECOGNITION OF THE PARTICULAR CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE SALMON PROBLEM IN THE NORTHEASTERN PACIFIC AND ABSTENTION FROM SALMON FISHING IN THE AREA BY FISHERMEN OF THOSE COUNTRIES; (4) CAREFULLY CONTROLLED THE CATCH BY U.S. FISHERMEN THROUGH REGULATIONS ON SEASON, LOCALITY AND QUANTITY; AND (5) BEEN ABLE TO MAINTAIN A LIMITED SALMON CATCH FOR THE LIVELIHOOD OF THE HARD-PRESSED U.S. FISHERMEN.

"ONLY THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA, THE STATES OF ORIGIN OF NORTH AMERICAN SALMON, ENGAGE IN FISHING FOR THIS RESOURCE IN THE NORTHEASTERN PACIFIC, THE EASTERN BERING SEA AND BRISTOL BAY, UNDER CAREFULLY CONTROLLED CONSERVATION REGULATIONS, AND THE HIGH SEAS FISHERY FOR SALMON IN OTHER AREAS OF THE NORTH PACIFIC AND BERING SEA IS ALSO STRICTLY CONTROLLED THROUGH SUCH MECHANISMS AS THE INTERNATIONAL NORTH PACIFIC FISHERIES COMMISSION (INPFC) AND THE JAPAN-SOVIET UNION NORTHWEST PACIFIC FISHERIES COMMISSION.

"THE EMERGING TREND IN THE LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE IS TO RECOGNIZE THAT THE STATE OF ORIGIN HAS A SPECIAL INTEREST IN AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR SALMON RESOURCES THROUGHOUT THEIR MIGRATORY RANGE FOR CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT PURPOSES. IN ADDITION, IT IS GENERALLY RECOGNIZED THAT FISHING FOR SALMON SHOULD ONLY BE CONDUCTED IN INSHORE AREAS.

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"FOR THESE REASONS, THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE ASSUAGES THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA, RECOGNIZING THE VITAL CONSERVATION ISSUES IN THE NORTH AMERICAN SALMON FISHERY, WILL TAKE SUCH STEPS AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO ENSURE THAT ITS NATIONALS AND VESSELS WILL REFRAIN FROM FISHING FOR NORTH AMERICAN SALMON IN THE EASTERN BERING SEA, BRISTOL BAY AND THE NORTHEASTERN PACIFIC OCEAN. UNQUOTE
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